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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The President The Vice President Secretary of State Secretary of Defense

Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

Attached is a CIA study entitled, "Tribalism Versus Communism in Afghanistan: The Cultural Roots of Instability." Although originally drafted in October, it has now been revised and published. I believe it provides an excellent background perspective to political events in Afghanistan today.

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Attachment: